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This Kids Count factbook details statewide trends in the well-being of Wyoming's children. The 1997 report has been expanded to include detailed information on the status of children by categories of welfare, health, and education. The first part of the factbook documents trends by county for 15 indicators: (1) poverty and population; (2) education; (3) births; (4) early prenatal care; (5) percent of mothers who smoked during pregnancy; (6) percent of low birth weight babies; (7) births to teens; (8) infant deaths; (9) children with developmental disabilities; (10) certified day care facilities; (11) child deaths; (12) teen violent deaths; (13) teen motor vehicle deaths; (14) teen suicides; and (15) juvenile arrests for violent crime. The statistical findings include the following: in 1993, 14.9 percent of Wyoming children were living in poverty; the number of births in Wyoming had declined since 1990; on average, 22 percent of Wyoming's mothers smoked during pregnancy; Wyoming continues to exceed the national average of low birth-weight babies; the percent of babies born to teen mothers has increased slightly since 1990; and teen violent deaths and teen motor vehicle deaths have increased since 1990. The next part of the factbook presents the child care providers compensation study, which include the following findings: child care teachers in for-profit centers receive lower wages than in non-profit/non-government centers; teachers' average starting salary was $16,057; home providers earn an average of $6,400 per year, working 11 1/2 hours per day, 5 days a week, closing only 15 days per year. The remainder of the factbook presents state and county profiles for the indicators listed above. A directory of legislators concludes the document. (HTH)

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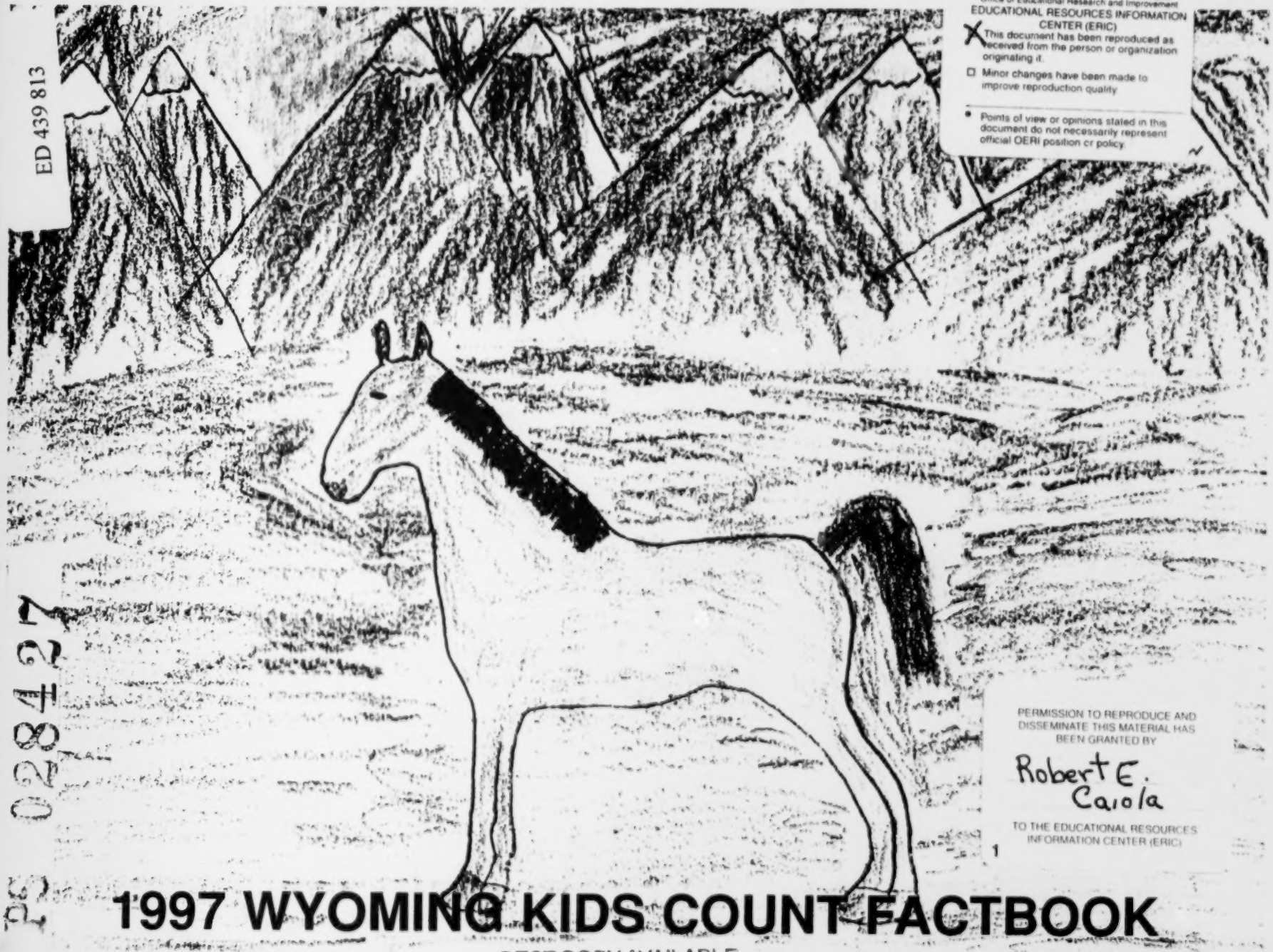

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OVERVIEW

The 1997 WY KIDS COUNT Factbook is the fourth annual profile of the well-being of children in Wyoming. The annual Factbook is an important tool for planning and action by community leaders, policy makers, and individuals working to improve the quality of life for all of Wyoming's children.

The 1997 Factbook has been expanded to include detailed information on the status of children by categories of welfare, health, and education.

Welfare & Education & Child Care:
Changing Times in Wyoming

- **Welfare reform** has been in place since 1996. The federal welfare payment program is now called TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families). Wyoming has elected to call this program POWER. Client eligibility and responsibilities include time limited receipt of payments (5 years), and "pay for performance" requiring able bodied clients to work or go to school and work. The impacts on families and children under welfare reform are unknown. Data are being collected but little analysis by policy makers has been conducted.

- **Education reform** – Wyoming's legislature is currently working on restructuring the K-12 education finance system to provide an adequate and equitable education for all of Wyoming's children.

- **Day care licensure** is currently being debated by state government, parents, child care providers, and other interested citizens. The 1998 legislative session will also review licensure and consider recommendations to keep licensure with state government, move it to a certified board of directors to manage, and other options.

The 1998 legislative session begins February 9, 1998.

During the session members of the public may leave messages for legislators indicating their support or opposition for a bill or an issue by calling the

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The Wyoming Legislative Web Site contains session information and bill status. It can by found at:

http://legisweb.state.wy.us

Population and Poverty

	Total Population 1995	Number of Children Under 18 1995	% of Population Under 18 1995	Children Under 18 Below Poverty 1993	All Persons Below Poverty 1993	Number of Children Receiving AFDC June 1996
Albany	30,980	6,713	22%	16.5%	14.9%	434
Big Horn	11,110	3,171	29%	17.1%	14%	73
Campbell	31,668	10,586	33%	10.2%	8.7%	229
Carbon	16,110	4,448	28%	13.3%	11.2%	227
Converse	11,965	3,614	30%	14.6%	12.1%	210
Crook	5,656	1,725	30%	12.4%	10.3%	25
Fremont	35,710	10,634	30%	24.6%	18.4%	1,648
Goshen	12,627	3,317	26%	24.8%	18.0%	320
Hot Springs	4,567	1,080	24%	15.3%	13.3%	62
Johnson	6,644	1,700	26%	16.2%	12.9%	65
Laramie	78,444	21,493	27%	15.7%	11.5%	1,463
Lincoln	13,918	4,801	34%	10.3%	9.1%	149
Natrona	64,025	17,909	28%	18.0%	13.6%	1,531
Niobrara	2,618	594	23%	20.4%	16.0%	47
Park	25,534	6,834	27%	15.0%	12.2%	343
Platte	8,343	2,250	27%	17.8%	14.0%	126
Sheridan	25,088	6,154	25%	14.4%	11.6%	423
Sublette	5,507	1,464	27%	8.7%	7.9%	45
Sweetwater	40,976	12,772	31%	9.2%	7.7%	566
Teton	13,444	3,485	26%	6.3%	4.8%	34
Uinta	20,087	7,297	36%	11.0%	9.4%	371
Washakie	8,657	2,408	28%	13.7%	11.7%	123
Weston	6,506	1,824	28%	11.0%	9.4%	70
Wyoming	**480,184**	**136,273**	**28%**	**14.9%**	**11.9%**	**8,584**

Population and Poverty

It is estimated that 136,273 children lived in Wyoming during 1995, accounting for 28% of the state's population.

In 1993, 14.9% of our children lived in poverty as did 11.9% of all people in Wyoming.

8,584 children were receiving AFDC benefits during June, 1996.

27.4% of enrolled students qualified for Free and Reduced Lunch school program during the 1996-97 school year. This totals to 27,075 children.

Source: Bureau of the Census, Wyoming Department of Family Services and Wyoming Department of Education.

Education

	Number of Students Enrolled 1996	% Eligible for Free and Reduced Lunch Program 1996	% Special Education Students 1996	Drop Out Rate 1995-96
Albany	4,133	36.5%	14.7%	1.74
Big Horn	2,600	33.7%	12.8%	.44 - 2.25
Campbell	7,903	22.1%	9.5%	2.52
Carbon	3,249	26.5%	12.0%	2.78 - 5.31
Converse	2,722	25.4%	11.8%	1.58 - 2.11
Crook	1,294	26.5%	11.0%	1.47
Fremont	7,488	40.0%	13.7%	0 - 9.52
Goshen	2,253	39.3%	13.6%	0.92
Hot Springs	927	39.3%	12.3%	7.00
Johnson	1,349	23.3%	15.3%	1.03
Laramie	14,824	29.0%	11.4%	.64 - 2.85
Lincoln	3,660	17.5%	8.8%	2.28 - 2.52
Natrona	12,885	30.7%	11.5%	6.15
Niobrara	498	33.5%	8.8%	2.79
Park	4,886	20.8%	8.3%	1.16 - 5.37
Platte	1,744	23.6%	12.3%	.72 - 3.31
Sheridan	4,492	28.3%	13.8%	1.77 - 6.06
Sublette	1,296	23.1%	9.3%	.60 - 2.30
Sweetwater	9,168	18.8%	12.9%	4.87 - 6.17
Teton	2,283	5.5%	9.3%	2.83
Uinta	5,758	29.2%	11.9%	1.64 - 5.29
Washakie	1,934	27.8%	14.6%	1.44 - 3.66
Weston	1,431	23.8%	12.7%	0 - 2.99
Wyoming	**98,777**	**27.4%**	**11.8%**	**3.73**

Education

The legislature is currently reforming K – 12 grade funding. During the 1996-97 school year nearly 99,000 students were enrolled in Wyoming's public schools.

27.4% of the students qualified for the Free or Reduced Lunch Program.

11.8% of enrolled students are classified as "special education students". These children have a learning, behavior or physical disability.

During the '95-'96 school year 1,806 students dropped out of grades 7 through 12. Wyoming's drop out rate for the '95-'96 school year was 3.73 percent. *Note: When there is more than one school district in a county a range of drop out rates is provided.*

Source: Wyoming Department of Education.

Births by County of Residence

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	431	368	372	389	405	391	396
Big Horn	157	153	142	154	149	151	152
Campbell	533	481	490	500	432	435	426
Carbon	217	180	195	215	180	190	189
Converse	152	150	143	142	157	167	147
Crook	89	70	73	68	69	70	72
Fremont	581	518	531	507	473	461	460
Goshen	161	155	143	161	124	142	148
Hot Springs	48	45	57	42	42	47	36
Johnson	86	68	69	65	85	80	73
Laramie	1,205	1,222	1,297	1,218	1,194	1,134	1,161
Lincoln	253	202	190	183	184	188	198
Natrona	932	955	950	871	950	898	887
Niobrara	24	25	29	25	34	23	36
Park	329	308	297	293	270	281	277
Platte	93	95	91	84	93	84	86
Sheridan	285	249	323	281	276	259	276
Sublette	72	63	55	75	78	74	55
Sweetwater	562	641	576	636	560	522	522
Teton	211	194	187	162	192	173	164
Uinta	361	342	338	310	312	331	338
Washakie	113	131	98	113	91	96	97
Weston	78	74	73	55	74	57	83
Yellowstone NP	1	2	1	1	3	7	7
Wyoming	**6,974**	**6,691**	**6,720**	**6,550**	**6,427**	**6,261**	**6,286**

Births

The number of births in Wyoming has declined since 1990. In 1996, 6,286 births were recorded in the state — a decrease of nearly 10% of births in 1990.

Births are recorded by county of residence not place of infant's birth.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

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Early Prenatal Care

% of Births Receiving 1st Trimester Prenatal Care

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	83.5%	82.6%	82.0%	80.5%	83.0%	90.0%	88.9%
Big Horn	74.5%	78.4%	77.5%	81.8%	79.9%	76.2%	81.6%
Campbell	74.7%	73.4%	74.9%	80.6%	87.5%	86.4%	83.8%
Carbon	75.1%	71.1%	70.8%	71.6%	72.8%	82.1%	77.2%
Converse	84.9%	84.0%	84.6%	83.8%	82.8%	82.6%	78.2%
Crook	77.5%	77.1%	80.8%	77.9%	88.4%	82.9%	86.1%
Fremont	72.8%	72.2%	75.9%	78.5%	78.9%	74.4%	75.7%
Goshen	75.8%	86.5%	76.2%	77.6%	79.0%	73.9%	77.7%
Hot Springs	60.4%	86.7%	89.5%	88.1%	73.8%	95.7%	91.7%
Johnson	77.9%	83.8%	85.5%	92.3%	84.7%	83.8%	89.0%
Laramie	76.3%	76.4%	71.0%	75.9%	77.4%	80.0%	74.0%
Lincoln	76.7%	80.2%	81.1%	85.8%	85.3%	85.6%	85.4%
Natrona	82.1%	84.1%	84.1%	85.0%	84.9%	84.3%	84.6%
Niobrara	83.3%	80.0%	69.0%	76.0%	91.2%	87.0%	86.1%
Park	88.8%	80.2%	88.2%	84.3%	84.4%	86.1%	84.5%
Platte	81.7%	81.1%	83.5%	75.0%	74.2%	64.3%	73.3%
Sheridan	83.5%	81.9%	85.8%	84.3%	89.5%	95.0%	88.0%
Sublette	83.3%	84.1%	81.8%	86.7%	78.2%	79.7%	76.4%
Sweetwater	80.4%	72.5%	78.5%	79.6%	78.8%	79.1%	82.0%
Teton	89.1%	90.2%	84.5%	91.4%	92.2%	91.9%	83.5%
Uinta	82.5%	82.2%	79.0%	83.2%	84.0%	85.2%	83.7%
Washakie	84.1%	75.6%	75.5%	82.3%	82.4%	87.5%	86.6%
Weston	85.9%	79.7%	74.0%	81.8%	90.5%	78.9%	92.8%
Yellowstone NP	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	71.4%	100.0%
Wyoming	**79.5%**	**78.7%**	**78.6%**	**80.8%**	**82.1%**	**82.9%**	**81.5%**

Early Prenatal Care

Women who delay receiving early prenatal care, (care in the first trimester of pregnancy), are at greater health risk for both themselves and their baby.

Timely and comprehensive prenatal care provides an opportunity to screen for and intervene with medical and non-medical conditions. Early detection of medical conditions allows for treatment while non-medical health conditions such as smoking, substance abuse, and nutritional deficiencies can be intervened providing a healthier environmental for the developing child.

Data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of infant's birth.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	12.5%	14.7%	9.1%	9.0%	8.4%	11.0%	8.1%
Big Horn	14.6%	15.0%	12.0%	13.6%	18.8%	8.6%	11.8%
Campbell	27.8%	30.8%	27.1%	27.6%	28.2%	26.4%	27.0%
Carbon	20.3%	24.4%	22.6%	19.5%	22.2%	22.1%	20.6%
Converse	26.3%	26.7%	26.6%	23.2%	25.5%	25.7%	25.2%
Crook	27.0%	34.3%	26.0%	16.2%	23.2%	21.4%	12.5%
Fremont	27.0%	30.3%	29.4%	25.4%	24.1%	23.2%	25.9%
Goshen	19.3%	20.0%	16.1%	24.8%	18.5%	16.9%	19.6%
Hot Springs	16.7%	17.8%	22.8%	21.4%	28.6%	17.0%	16.7%
Johnson	17.4%	22.1%	18.8%	26.2%	20.0%	22.5%	24.7%
Laramie	22.2%	21.8%	23.8%	19.6%	17.7%	15.2%	16.0%
Lincoln	14.6%	18.3%	18.9%	15.8%	20.7%	14.4%	11.6%
Natrona	31.3%	30.6%	31.3%	25.3%	26.5%	25.4%	26.6%
Niobrara	41.7%	40.0%	24.1%	36.0%	26.5%	21.7%	19.4%
Park	19.8%	21.1%	14.8%	19.5%	22.2%	12.8%	18.4%
Platte	20.4%	20.0%	16.5%	16.7%	23.7%	16.7%	15.1%
Sheridan	20.4%	23.3%	23.5%	28.5%	19.9%	21.6%	19.9%
Sublette	18.1%	20.6%	36.4%	14.7%	25.6%	21.6%	20.0%
Sweetwater	30.4%	26.7%	26.7%	24.2%	29.8%	26.1%	25.1%
Teton	12.8%	13.9%	13.4%	6.8%	9.9%	11.0%	7.3%
Uinta	22.7%	24.0%	23.7%	22.3%	21.2%	21.8%	25.4%
Washakie	19.5%	16.8%	14.3%	14.2%	14.3%	14.6%	19.6%
Weston	29.5%	31.1%	24.7%	30.9%	23.0%	28.1%	21.7%
Wyoming	**23.4%**	**24.4%**	**23.6%**	**21.4%**	**21.7%**	**19.8%**	**20.2%**

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Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy

On average over the past 7 years 22% of Wyoming's mothers smoked during pregnancy. Smoking during pregnancy has been strongly associated with the incidence of low birth-weight babies.

In 1996, 20.2% of Wyoming's babies were born to mothers who smoked during pregnancy.

Data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of infant's birth. Data are calculated by dividing the number of babies born to mothers who smoked during pregnancy by number of total births.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

% Low Birth-Weight Babies by County Residence

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	7.4	9.5	8.3	9.3	8.9	9.5	10.4
Big Horn	3.2	6.5	6.3	2.6	9.4	4.6	4.6
Campbell	6.8	8.5	6.3	8.0	8.6	7.6	6.1
Carbon	8.3	9.4	11.8	6.5	9.4	7.9	7.4
Converse	4.6	4.7	5.6	9.9	5.7	12.0	3.4
Crook	9.0	4.3	9.6	2.9	1.4	7.1	2.8
Fremont	7.7	6.2	7.0	4.3	7.0	5.4	9.6
Goshen	7.5	6.5	2.1	8.1	5.6	10.6	5.4
Hot Springs	14.6	6.7	5.3	16.7	9.5	8.5	2.8
Johnson	5.8	1.5	4.3	4.6	10.6	3.8	8.2
Laramie	8.0	7.2	7.8	6.7	10.9	7.3	10.9
Lincoln	5.5	5.9	3.2	8.7	8.2	8.0	8.6
Natrona	6.9	8.1	8.6	6.5	8.3	7.7	7.9
Niobrara	12.5	8.0	3.4	8.0	5.9	4.3	16.7
Park	5.5	8.1	7.7	8.2	7.0	2.8	8.7
Platte	7.5	3.2	4.4	3.6	14.0	6.0	7.0
Sheridan	5.3	4.8	5.3	7.1	6.5	7.7	5.4
Sublette	5.6	7.9	7.3	12.0	12.8	9.5	7.3
Sweetwater	7.5	5.3	8.0	7.9	9.1	8.2	8.4
Teton	3.8	4.1	8.0	6.8	8.3	4.0	6.7
Uinta	13.6	8.5	9.5	10.6	9.9	9.4	10.9
Washakie	9.7	7.6	5.1	8.0	8.8	6.3	8.2
Weston	9.0	5.4	1.4	9.1	8.1	8.8	9.6
Wyoming	**7.4**	**7.0**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**8.8**	**7.4**	**8.4**
U. S.	**7.0**	**7.1**	**7.1**	**7.2**	**7.3**	**7.3**	**7.4**

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Low Birth-Weight Babies

Wyoming continues to exceed the national average of low birth-weight babies. In 1996, 8.4% of Wyoming's babies were born at weights under 5½ pounds. This compares to 7.4% nationally.

Low birth weight infants are at greater risk to experience long-term disabilities or to die during the first year of life than are babies of normal birth weight.

Prevention of low birth-weight is dependent upon comprehensive prenatal care, smoking cessation, adequate nutrition and adequate maternal weight gain.

Data are reported by place of mother's residence, not place of infant's birth. Data are calculated by dividing the number of low birth-weight babies by number of total births.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

Births to Teens — 15-19 Years of Age

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	7.7%	10.9%	8.3%	10.5%	7.4%	9.2%	8.8%
Big Horn	12.7%	15.7%	13.4%	16.9%	10.7%	15.2%	16.4%
Campbell	15.6%	13.3%	10.4%	14.0%	14.4%	15.4%	12.4%
Carbon	15.2%	16.1%	10.8%	17.7%	20.0%	18.9%	21.2%
Converse	11.8%	17.3%	12.6%	18.3%	20.4%	16.8%	18.4%
Crook	10.1%	8.6%	8.2%	7.4%	18.8%	10.0%	9.7%
Fremont	15.5%	15.3%	14.3%	19.3%	18.2%	20.0%	17.8%
Goshen	12.4%	18.7%	13.3%	14.3%	20.2%	20.4%	13.5%
Hot Springs	18.8%	28.9%	14.0%	11.9%	23.8%	19.1%	22.2%
Johnson	12.8%	14.7%	15.9%	13.8%	14.1%	12.5%	15.1%
Laramie	14.0%	11.1%	12.9%	12.4%	13.0%	13.3%	13.0%
Lincoln	13.4%	16.3%	13.2%	12.6%	16.3%	11.7%	10.6%
Natrona	12.2%	15.2%	14.8%	14.7%	16.3%	16.5%	16.3%
Niobrara	4.2%	20.0%	6.9%	16.0%	5.9%	4.3%	8.3%
Park	15.5%	13.0%	12.1%	10.2%	14.1%	11.0%	10.8%
Platte	12.9%	11.6%	8.8%	9.5%	6.5%	13.1%	12.8%
Sheridan	13.3%	15.7%	15.2%	13.9%	12.3%	14.3%	15.9%
Sublette	6.9%	12.7%	9.1%	9.3%	12.8%	12.2%	5.5%
Sweetwater	15.8%	17.8%	15.6%	13.5%	17.3%	20.5%	16.3%
Teton	5.2%	4.1%	4.3%	5.6%	3.1%	5.2%	8.5%
Uinta	15.5%	13.7%	16.3%	17.4%	18.6%	15.4%	15.7%
Washakie	17.7%	11.5%	17.3%	14.2%	12.1%	15.6%	14.4%
Weston	23.1%	9.5%	19.2%	25.5%	14.9%	14.0%	20.5%
Wyoming	**13.5%**	**13.9%**	**13.1%**	**13.9%**	**14.5%**	**15.0%**	**14.3%**

Births to Teens

The percentage of babies born to teens is calculated in this table by dividing the number of babies born to teenage girls, age 15-19, by the total number of births. Data are by county of residence.

During 1996 14% of all babies born were born to teenage mothers. Also during this year, 3 babies were born to children under the age of 15.

Teen pregnancy is a very complicated issue which threatens the development of teens and of their babies. According to the Children's Defense Fund, children born to teenagers are more likely to suffer poor health, live in poverty, have learning and behavior problems and eventually become teen parents themselves. On average, 3 out of 5 teen mothers drop out of school.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

Infant Deaths by County of Residence

	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	3	3	1	4	2
Big Horn	2	1	-	-	1
Campbell	5	4	2	2	3
Carbon	1	4	1	2	2
Converse	1	1	2	3	1
Crook	-	-	-	-	-
Fremont	5	6	4	7	4
Goshen	2	-	-	2	2
Hot Springs	-	-	2	-	-
Johnson	-	-	1	-	-
Laramie	8	10	9	8	6
Lincoln	-	-	2	-	2
Natrona	12	9	3	9	1
Niobrara	1	-	-	-	-
Park	2	3	3	3	5
Platte	1	-	-	-	-
Sheridan	5	1	4	1	1
Sublette	1	-	1	1	-
Sweetwater	6	5	5	2	3
Teton	-	3	2	-	2
Uinta	5	2	1	1	3
Washakie	1	-	1	2	2
Weston	-	-	-	1	-
Wyoming	**61**	**52**	**44**	**48**	**40**

Infant Deaths

In 1996, 40 infants, (babies under the age of one), died in Wyoming. Over the past 5 years 245 infants have died, producing an infant mortality rate of 7.6 for every 1,000 live births over the period of 1992-1996.

Infant mortality rates per 1,000 live births in Wyoming have been as follows:

1992: 9.1
1993. 7.9
1994: 6.7
1995: 7.7
1996: 6.4

Data are recorded by county of residence. Infant mortality rates are calculated by dividing the number of infant deaths by the number of live births and multiplying by 1,000.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

Children with Developmental Disabilities Ages: Birth - 5

Region	May - '96 0-2 Years	May - '96 3-5 Years	May - '96 Total		May - '97 0-2 Years	May - '97 3-5 Years	May - '97 Total
1	19	109	128		26	124	150
2	19	55	74		12	67	79
3	15	49	64		9	49	58
4	18	55	73		21	59	80
5	21	125	146		35	144	179
6	57	147	204		54	140	194
7	48	145	193		38	142	180
8	23	92	115		20	80	100
9	59	122	181		49	123	172
10	63	148	211		49	136	185
11	20	43	63		19	53	72
12	45	164	209		43	158	201
13	21	84	105		19	76	95
14	21	52	73		14	63	77
Total	**449**	**1,390**	**1,839**		**394**	**1,414**	**1,822**

Children with Developmental Disabilities

Over 1,800 children in Wyoming, ages birth to five years of age, with a developmental disability are being served by local agencies through contracts with the Wyoming Department of Health, Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Regions by County:

1 Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, Washakie
2 Johnson, Sheridan
3 Crook, Weston
4 Sublette
5 Lincoln, Uinta
6 Fremont
7 Sweetwater
8 Carbon
9 Natrona
10 Converse, Goshen, Niobrara, Platte
11 Albany
12 Laramie
13 Campbell
14 Wind River Reservation

Source: Wyoming Developmental Preschool Director's Association.

Certified Day Care Facilities

	FY 1991		FY 1994		FY 1996	
	Facilities	Capacity	Facilities	Capacity	Facilities	Capacity
Albany	55	1,430	55	1,516	49	1,483
Big Horn	15	272	30	327	29	316
Campbell	87	974	66	866	65	952
Carbon	34	521	33	479	36	541
Converse	23	343	22	450	32	490
Crook	11	142	6	97	10	127
Fremont	58	942	53	955	60	961
Goshen	28	481	25	446	23	467
Hot Springs	14	191	19	236	13	183
Johnson	13	206	13	241	13	205
Laramie	135	2,937	169	4,232	195	3,957
Lincoln	40	441	30	366	35	448
Natrona	153	2,512	163	2,404	214	3,033
Niobrara	5	61	6	67	6	95
Park	51	793	69	1,099	73	1,130
Platte	9	202	9	263	12	283
Sheridan	60	816	45	892	55	951
Sublette	13	152	15	194	18	202
Sweetwater	42	899	47	846	49	805
Teton	22	528	31	691	24	596
Uinta	43	579	30	502	35	548
Washakie	12	172	17	246	17	278
Weston	11	196	10	182	10	193
Wyoming	**934**	**15,790**	**963**	**17,597**	**1,073**	**18,244**

Certified Day Care Facilities

In total, Wyoming has seen an increase in the number of certified day care facilities over the past few years; however, this is not true for all counties. Some counties have fewer available day care spots than existed in 1994.

Day care licensure is currently being debated by state government, parents, child care providers, and other interested citizens. The 1998 legislative session will also review licensure and consider recommendations to keep licensure with state government, move it to a certified board of directors to manage, and other options.

Source: Wyoming Department of Family Services.

Child Deaths — Ages 1-14

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
Big Horn	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Campbell	4	4	1	1	5	3	3
Carbon	2	-	2	-	-	1	2
Converse	1	-	1	-	4	-	2
Crook	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Fremont	2	6	6	4	2	4	3
Goshen	1	1	1	2	-	1	-
Hot Springs	4	-	-	1	-	1	-
Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Laramie	4	10	2	2	2	3	5
Lincoln	-	-	1	3	-	1	1
Natrona	1	4	4	1	3	1	3
Niobrara	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Park	2	2	1	2	3	1	2
Platte	-	-	2	2	-	3	-
Sheridan	3	1	3	1	1	-	4
Sublette	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sweetwater	3	3	4	2	2	1	3
Teton	1	1	1	-	1	1	-
Uinta	3	-	4	2	-	3	5
Washakie	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Weston	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Wyoming	33	34	37	27	25	29	36

Child Deaths

In 1996 there were 36 deaths of children, age 1-14, recorded in Wyoming. This marks an increase of 7 over 1995 and 11 over 1994.

221 children have died during the period of 1990 through 1996. Most child deaths are from motor vehicle related injuries and other unintentional injuries.

Data are recorded by child's county of residence not of death.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

Teen Violent Deaths

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	-	2	5	2	-	1	2
Big Horn	-	2	2	1	1	5	-
Campbell	1	4	2	1	2	3	3
Carbon	2	-	3	1	4	1	2
Converse	-	-	-	-	5	1	1
Crook	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Fremont	5	8	4	-	3	3	10
Goshen	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hot Springs	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Johnson	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Laramie	6	7	3	3	4	7	5
Lincoln	2	2	1	2	3	2	2
Natrona	4	3	2	4	1	2	5
Niobrara	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Park	-	4	2	5	2	2	3
Platte	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Sheridan	2	-	3	6	4	3	1
Sublette	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sweetwater	1	1	9	1	5	4	4
Teton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uinta	3	3	2	4	3	4	3
Washakie	-	-	1	2	2	-	3
Weston	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
Wyoming	27	38	43	34	42	38	48

Teen Violent Deaths

In 1996, 48 teens died violently. Teenage violent death includes death by homicide, suicide and accident for ages 15 to 19.

60% of these deaths in 1996 were due to injuries suffered in motor vehicle accidents.

15% of teen violent deaths were due to suicide.

Data are recorded by place of residence, not place of death.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	-	1	2	2	-	1	1
Big Horn	-	2	2	-	1	2	-
Campbell	-	2	-	-	2	1	3
Carbon	-	-	2	-	2	1	1
Converse	-	-	-	-	4	1	1
Crook	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fremont	2	7	1	-	1	1	7
Goshen	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hot Springs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnson	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Laramie	5	3	2	2	2	3	1
Lincoln	2	1	1	1	1	-	1
Natrona	2	1	1	3	1	1	4
Niobrara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Park	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
Platte	-	-	-	4	2	-	-
Sheridan	-	-	1	-	2	3	1
Sublette	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Sweetwater	1	1	5	-	3	3	1
Teton	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Uinta	2	3	1	2	-	2	3
Washakie	-	-	1	-	2	-	2
Weston	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
Wyoming	**14**	**21**	**23**	**19**	**24**	**20**	**29**

Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths

During 1996, 29 teenagers died from motor vehicle injuries.

150 teenagers have died from injuries suffered from motor vehicle collisions during the years 1990 through 1996. Fremont county, alone, has lost 19 teenagers during this period.

Data are recorded by county of residence, not place of death.

Source: Vital Record Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

Teen Suicides

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	-	1	3	-	-	-	1
Big Horn	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Campbell	1	2	1	1	-	1	-
Carbon	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
Converse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Crook	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Fremont	3	1	1	-	-	-	1
Goshen	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Hot Springs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laramie	-	3	1	1	-	2	1
Lincoln	-	1	-	1	2	1	1
Natrona	1	2	-	1	-	1	-
Niobrara	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Park	-	2	1	2	1	-	-
Platte	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sheridan	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Sublette	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sweetwater	-	-	2	-	1	1	2
Teton	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Uinta	1	-	-	-	2	2	-
Washakie	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weston	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Wyoming	8	13	10	11	8	10	7

Teen Suicides

In 1996, 7 teens ended their lives. Teen suicide tragically affects not only the teen but parents, family members, classmates and the community.

Wyoming has lost 67 teens to suicide over the years 1990 through 1996. During this period the annual number of suicides has fluctuated between 13 and 7 teenagers.

Data are recorded by county of residence, not place of death for for teenagers 15-19.

Source: Vital Records Statistics, Wyoming Department of Health.

Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Albany	1	1	7	3	5	6	2
Big Horn	4	1	-	-	3	3	-
Campbell	11	11	6	15	11	9	10
Carbon	3	1	1	4	2	9	1
Converse	2	1	4	4	2	-	-
Crook	-	-	-	1	2	-	3
Fremont	2	1	5	9	5	7	3
Goshen	-	-	-	-	2	1	-
Hot Springs	4	-	-	2	-	2	-
Johnson	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Laramie	4	5	7	10	8	14	21
Lincoln	2	-	-	1	1	1	2
Natrona	21	18	10	21	16	3	6
Niobrara	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Park	3	2	2	3	4	4	4
Platte	3	-	-	-	-	-	1
Sheridan	-	1	1	5	8	4	10
Sublette	-	-	-	1	-	3	3
Sweetwater	1	2	4	6	2	7	12
Teton	2	4	3	2	5	-	1
Uinta	6	-	-	1	4	4	7
Washakie	-	-	-	-	1	2	7
Weston	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Wyoming	**69**	**48**	**51**	**89**	**81**	**79**	**93**
Yearly % Change:		**-30%**	**6%**	**75%**	**-9%**	**-2%**	**18%**

Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime

Juvenile arrests for violent crime marked an all time high in 1996. 93 juveniles were arrested for crimes of a violent nature which include homicide, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault.

During 1996, one juvenile was arrested for homicide, 2 for forcible rape, 13 for robbery, and 77 for aggravated assault.

Data are recorded by arresting agency location. Juveniles are defined as persons below 18 years of age.

Source: State of Wyoming, Office of Attorney General, Division of Criminal Investigation.

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Wyoming Child Care Center and Home Child Care Provider Compensation, Retention and Preparedness Survey Results

April 1997

Executive Summary

Wyoming PARENT funded through a Child Care & Development Block grant surveyed child care centers and licensed home child care providers in April 1997 to examine the status of the child care profession in Wyoming. The study was designed to capture information that would assist in the factual discussion regarding child care provision issues that affect children, parents and providers. This study should allow policy makers, professional associations and parents the ability to direct the development of positive change to support child care providers and our children.

Highlights of Major Findings

Child Care Center Teaching Staff

- Child care teachers earn average hourly starting wage of $7.72 up an average of the highest wage of $9.53. For those teachers in for-profit centers the wages are much lower, $5.75 per hour to start and $6.25 per hour as the average highest paid wage.

Non-profit/non government centers report higher earnings of $7.30 per hour to start and $8.47 per hour for the highest paid wage. Still government funded or subsidized centers pay the best reporting a starting wage of $8.78 per hour and the average highest paid teachers earning $11.35 per hour. The government funded centers contain developmental child care centers and employ therapists which consequently inflate the average wages significantly.

- Thirty two percent of the teachers held a bachelor's degree while 52.4% had completed an associates degree.

- There is a positive relationship between education attainment and wages paid; meaning the higher education the higher the wage. The following table demonstrates wage advancement by education credential.

Teacher Average Wage Comparison by Educational Attainment (1997)

	Starting	Highest	Starting Annual	Highest Annual
ALL	$7.72	$9.53	$16,057	$19,822
No Secondary Degree	$6.35	$7.76	$13,208	$16,140
With AS Degree	$7.27	$7.95	$15,121	$16,536
With BS or Higher	$8.91	$11.07	$18,533	$23,026

(Note: AS: Associate Degree BS: Bachelor's Degree)

- Benefits for child care center staff are minimal in Wyoming. Only 20% of teachers are offered health insurance, 43% retirement, 77% sick leave, 43% Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA) and 34% merit raises. For teaching assistants only 13% are offered health insurance, 54% retirement, 80% sick leave, 46% merit raises. Government sponsored or funded centers contributed more benefits to staff and held the largest share of teaching assistants.

- Turnover rates for teaching staff averaged 27% and 41% for teaching assistants across all programs. For profit centers reported turnover rates for teachers of 70% and 79% for teaching assistants. Non profit centers reported turnover rates for teachers of 18% and 33% for teaching assistants and government subsidized centers reported turnover rates of 20% for teachers and 28% for teaching assistants.

Home Child Care Providers

- Licensed providers earn an average of $6,400 per year.

- Providers work an average of 11½ hours per day, 5 days per week.

- 82% are open all year and 16% follow the public school schedule. Providers typically close for 15 days per year for holidays and vacations.

- 89% participate in the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program. The average monthly check received is $340.

- 43.5% have substitutes on call and pay an average of $5.45 per hour.

- 19% have paid regular assistants at an average wage of $4.70 per hour. Assistants usually work 16 hours per week and 57% of the assistants are family members.

- 46.1% offer transportation, mostly for field trips or emergencies.

- 46% carry day care liability insurance.
- 61% have health insurance.
- 19% have a retirement account such as an IRA, SEP or Keogh fund.
- Average age of the home provider is 38.7 years.
- Providers have been operating as a business for an average of 7.4 years ranging from just a few months to 30 years.
- Full time fees for infant care average $290 per month and $272 per month for children older than infant age.

- For 1996 the following averages were reported:

Gross Income:	$15,465
Expenses:	$ 7,944
Business Use of Home:	$ 2,849
Net Income:	$ 6,440

- Provider highest level of education is reported to be:

Some High School	1.7%
GED or HS Diploma	31.3%
Some College	33.9%
Vocational Diploma	5.9%
Associate's Degree	12.2%
Bachelor's Degree	13.9%

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Wyoming's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	480,184
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	136,273
% Population Under 18: 1995	28%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	14.1%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	14.9%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	9.3%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	8,584

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	98,777
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	27.4%
% Special Education Students	11.8%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	1,806
Drop Out Rate	3.73

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	6,974	6,691	6,720	6,550	6,427	6,261	6,286
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	79.5%	78.7%	78.6%	80.8%	82.1%	82.9%	81.5%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	7.4%	7.0%	7.3%	7.3%	8.8%	7.4%	8.4%
% Births to Teens	25.6%	20.3%	23.3%	29.1%	14.9%	26.3%	16.9%
Number of Teen Births	944	928	877	910	935	937	899
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	23.4%	24.4%	23.6%	21.4%	21.7%	19.8%	20.2%
Infant Deaths	60	52	61	52	44	48	40

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	33	34	37	27	25	29	36
Teen Violent Deaths	27	38	43	34	42	38	48
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	14	21	23	19	24	20	29
Teen Suicides	8	13	10	11	8	10	7
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	69	48	51	89	81	79	93

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	30,980
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	6,713
% Population Under 18: 1995	22.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	15.2%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	16.5%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	10.4%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	434

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	4,133
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	36.5%
% Special Education Students	14.7%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	34
Drop Out Rate	1.74

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	431	368	372	389	405	391	396
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	83.5%	82.6%	82.0%	80.5%	83.0%	90.0%	88.9%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	7.4%	9.5%	8.3%	9.3%	8.9%	9.5%	10.4%
% Births to Teens	7.7%	10.9%	8.3%	10.5%	7.4%	9.2%	8.8%
Number of Teen Births	33	40	31	41	30	36	35
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	12.5%	14.7%	9.1%	9.0%	8.4%	11.0%	8.1%
Infant Deaths	3	1	3	3	1	4	2

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	1	-	-	-	-	2	1
Teen Violent Deaths	-	2	5	2	-	1	2
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	1	2	2	-	1	1
Teen Suicides	-	1	3	-	-	-	1
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	1	1	7	3	5	6	2

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	11,110
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	3,171
% Population Under 18: 1995	29.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	21.5%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	17.1%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	12.5%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	73

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	2,600
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	33.7%
% Special Education Students	12.8%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	24
Drop Out Rate	.44 - 2.25

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	157	153	142	154	149	151	152
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	74.5%	78.4%	77.5%	81.8%	79.9%	76.2%	81.6%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	3.2%	6.5%	6.3%	2.6%	9.4%	4.6%	4.6%
% Births to Teens	12.7%	15.7%	13.4%	16.9%	10.7%	15.2%	16.4%
Number of Teen Births	20	24	19	26	16	23	25
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	14.6%	15.0%	12.0%	13.6%	18.8%	8.6%	11.8%
Infant Deaths	2	1	2	1	-	-	1

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Teen Violent Deaths	-	2	2	1	1	5	-
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	2	2	-	1	2	-
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	1	-	2	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	4	1	-	-	3	3	-

Campbell County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	31,668
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	10,586
% Population Under 18: 1995	33.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	9.5%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	10.2%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	7.0%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	229

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	7,903
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	22.1%
% Special Education Students	9.5%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	97
Drop Out Rate	2.52

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	533	481	490	500	432	435	426
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	74.7%	73.4%	74.9%	80.6%	87.5%	86.4%	83.8%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	6.8%	8.5%	6.3%	8.0%	8.6%	7.6%	6.1%
% Births to Teens	15.6%	13.3%	10.4%	14.0%	14.4%	15.4%	12.4%
Number of Teen Births	83	64	51	70	62	67	53
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	27.8%	30.8%	27.1%	27.6%	28.2%	26.4%	27.0%
Infant Deaths	2	6	5	4	2	2	3

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	4	4	1	1	5	3	3
Teen Violent Deaths	1	4	2	1	2	3	3
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	2	-	-	2	1	3
Teen Suicides	1	2	1	1	-	1	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	11	11	6	15	11	9	10

Carbon County's Children

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	16,110
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	4,448
% Population Under 18: 1995	28.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	11.8%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	13.3%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	8.8%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	860

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	3,249
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	26.5%
% Special Education Students	12.0%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	76
Drop Out Rate	2.78 - 5.31

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	217	180	195	215	180	190	189
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	75.1%	71.1%	70.8%	71.6%	72.8%	82.1%	77.2%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	8.3%	9.4%	11.8%	6.5%	9.4%	7.9%	7.4%
% Births to Teens	15.2%	16.1%	10.8%	17.7%	20.0%	18.9%	21.2%
Number of Teen Births	33	29	21	38	36	36	40
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	20.3%	24.4%	22.6%	19.5%	22.2%	22.1%	20.6%
Infant Deaths	-	1	1	4	1	2	2

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	2	-	2	-	-	1	2
Teen Violent Deaths	2	-	3	1	4	1	2
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	2	-	2	1	1
Teen Suicides	1	-	-	1	1	-	1
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	3	1	1	4	2	9	1

Converse County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	11,965
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	3,614
% Population Under 18: 1995	30.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	14.5%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	14.6%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	9.5%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	210

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	2,722
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	25.4%
% Special Education Students	11.8%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	23
Drop Out Rate	1.58 - 2.11

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	152	150	143	142	157	167	147
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	84.9%	84.0%	84.5%	83.8%	82.8%	82.6%	78.2%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	4.6%	4.7%	5.6%	9.9%	5.7%	12.0%	3.4%
% Births to Teens	11.8%	17.3%	12.6%	18.3%	20.4%	16.8%	18.4%
Number of Teen Births	18	26	18	26	32	28	27
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	26.3%	26.7%	26.6%	23.2%	25.5%	25.7%	25.2%
Infant Deaths	1	2	1	1	2	3	1

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	1	-	1	-	4	-	2
Teen Violent Deaths	-	-	-	-	5	1	1
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	-	-	4	1	1
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	2	1	4	4	2	-	-

Crook County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	5,656
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	1,725
% Population Under 18: 1995	30.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	16.8%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	12.4%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	11.0%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	25

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	1,294
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	26.5%
% Special Education Students	11.0%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	10
Drop Out Rate	1.47

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	89	70	73	68	69	70	72
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	77.5%	77.1%	80.8%	77.9%	88.4%	82.9%	86.1%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	9.0%	4.3%	9.6%	2.9%	1.4%	7.1%	2.8%
% Births to Teens	10.1%	8.6%	8.2%	7.4%	18.8%	10.0%	9.7%
Number of Teen Births	9	6	6	5	13	7	7
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	27.0%	34.3%	26.0%	16.2%	23.2%	21.4%	12.5%
Infant Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
Teen Violent Deaths	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	-	-	-	1	2	-	3

Fremont County's Children

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	35,710
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	10,634
% Population Under 18: 1995	30.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	25.9%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	24.6%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	15.6%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	1,648

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	7,488
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	40.0%
% Special Education Students	13.7%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	190
Drop Out Rate	0 - 9.52

Birth Indicators	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**	**1994**	**1995**	**1996**
Number of Births	581	518	531	507	473	461	460
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	72.8%	72.2%	75.9%	78.5%	78.9%	74.4%	75.7%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	7.7%	6.2%	7.0%	4.3%	7.0%	5.4%	9.6%
% Births to Teens	15.5%	15.3%	14.3%	19.3%	18.2%	20.0%	17.8%
Number of Teen Births	90	79	76	98	86	92	82
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	27.0%	30.3%	29.4%	25.4%	24.1%	23.2%	25.9%
Infant Deaths	5	5	5	6	4	7	4

Child Well-Being	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**	**1994**	**1995**	**1996**
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	2	6	6	4	2	4	3
Teen Violent Deaths	5	8	4	-	3	3	10
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	2	7	1	-	1	1	7
Teen Suicides	3	1	1	-	-	-	1
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	2	1	5	9	5	7	3

Goshen County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	12,627
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	3,317
% Population Under 18: 1995	26.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	26.4%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	24.8%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	13.5%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	320

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	2,253
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	39.3%
% Special Education Students	13.6%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	10
Drop Out Rate	0.92

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	161	155	143	161	124	142	148
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	75.8%	86.5%	76.2%	77.6%	79.0%	73.9%	77.7%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	7.5%	6.5%	2.1%	8.1%	5.6%	10.6%	5.4%
% Births to Teens	12.4%	18.7%	13.3%	14.3%	20.2%	20.4%	13.5%
Number of Teen Births	20	29	19	23	25	29	20
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	19.3%	20.0%	16.1%	24.8%	18.5%	16.9%	19.6%
Infant Deaths	3	-	2	-	-	2	2

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	1	1	1	2	-	1	-
Teen Violent Deaths	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teen Suicides	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	-	-	-	-	2	1	-

Hot Springs County's Children

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	4,567
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	1,080
% Population Under 18: 1995	24.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	10.5%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	15.3%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	6.4%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	62

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	927
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	39.3%
% Special Education Students	12.3%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	31
Drop Out Rate	7.0

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	48	45	57	42	42	47	36
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	60.4%	86.7%	89.5%	88.1%	73.8%	95.7%	91.7%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	14.6%	6.7%	5.3%	16.7%	9.5%	8.5%	2.8%
% Births to Teens	18.8%	28.9%	14.0%	11.9%	23.8%	19.1%	22.2%
Number of Teen Births	9	13	8	5	10	9	8
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	16.7%	17.8%	22.8%	21.4%	28.6%	17.0%	16.7%
Infant Deaths	1	1	-	-	2	-	-

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	4	-	-	1	-	1	-
Teen Violent Deaths	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	4	-	-	2	-	2	-

Johnson County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	6,644
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	1,700
% Population Under 18: 1995	26.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	14.7%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	16.2%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	9.6%
"Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	65

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	1,349
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	23.3%
% Special Education Students	15.3%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	7
Drop Out Rate	1.03

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	86	68	69	65	85	80	73
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	77.9%	83.8%	85.5%	92.3%	84.7%	83.8%	89.0%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	5.8%	1.5%	4.3%	4.6%	10.6%	3.8%	8.2%
% Births to Teens	12.8%	14.7%	15.9%	13.8%	14.1%	12.5%	15.1%
Number of Teen Births	1	10	11	9	12	10	11
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	17.4%	22.1%	18.8%	26.2%	20.0%	22.5%	24.7%
Infant Deaths	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Teen Violent Deaths	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Laramie County's Children

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	78,444
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	21,493
% Population Under 18: 1995	27.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	10.6%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	15.7%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	8.8%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	1,463

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	14,824
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	29.0%
% Special Education Students	11.4%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	181
Drop Out Rate	.64 - 2.85

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	1,205	1,222	1,297	1,218	1,194	1,134	1,161
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	76.3%	76.4%	71.0%	75.9%	77.4%	80.0%	74.0%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	8.0%	7.2%	7.8%	6.7%	10.9%	7.3%	10.9%
% Births to Teens	14.0%	11.1%	12.9%	12.4%	13.0%	13.3%	13.0%
Number of Teen Births	169	136	167	151	155	151	151
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	22.2%	21.8%	23.8%	19.6%	17.7%	15.2%	16.0%
Infant Deaths	12	12	8	10	9	8	6

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	4	10	2	2	2	3	5
Teen Violent Deaths	6	7	3	3	4	7	5
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	5	3	2	2	2	3	1
Teen Suicides	-	3	1	1	-	2	1
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	4	5	7	10	8	14	21

Lincoln County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	13,918
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	4,801
% Population Under 18: 1995	34.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	11.9%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	10.3%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	9.3%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	149

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	3,660
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	17.5%
% Special Education Students	8.8%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	45
Drop Out Rate	2.28 - 2.52

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	253	202	190	183	184	188	198
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	76.7%	80.2%	81.1%	85.8%	85.3%	85.6%	85.4%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	5.5%	5.9%	3.2%	8.7%	8.2%	8.0%	8.6%
% Births to Teens	13.4%	16.3%	13.2%	12.6%	16.3%	11.7%	10.6%
Number of Teen Births	34	33	25	23	30	22	21
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	14.6%	18.3%	18.9%	15.8%	20.7%	14.4%	11.6%
Infant Deaths	4	2	-	-	2	-	2

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	-	-	1	3	-	1	1
Teen Violent Deaths	2	2	1	2	3	2	2
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	2	1	1	1	1	-	1
Teen Suicides	-	1	-	1	2	1	1
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	2	-	-	1	1	1	2

Natrona County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	64,025
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	17,909
% Population Under 18: 1995	28.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	15.5%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	18.0%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	9.8%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	1,531

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	12,885
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	30.7%
% Special Education Students	11.5%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	387
Drop Out Rate	6.15

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	932	955	950	871	950	898	887
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	82.1%	84.1%	84.1%	85.0%	84.9%	84.3%	84.6%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	6.9%	8.1%	8.6%	6.5%	8.3%	7.7%	7.9%
% Births to Teens	12.2%	15.2%	14.8%	14.7%	16.3%	16.5%	16.3%
Number of Teen Births	114	145	141	128	155	148	145
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	31.3%	30.6%	31.3%	25.3%	26.5%	25.4%	26.6%
Infant Deaths	10	7	12	9	3	9	1

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	1	4	4	1	3	1	3
Teen Violent Deaths	4	3	2	4	1	2	5
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	2	1	1	3	1	1	4
Teen Suicides	1	2	-	1	-	1	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	21	18	10	21	16	3	6

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	2,618
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	594
% Population Under 18: 1995	23.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	26.7%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	20.4%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	13.4%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	47

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	498
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	33.5%
% Special Education Students	8.8%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	7
Drop Out Rate	2.76

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	24	25	29	25	34	23	36
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	83.3%	80.0%	69.0%	76.0%	91.2%	87.0%	86.1%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	12.5%	8.0%	3.4%	8.0%	5.9%	4.3%	16.7%
% Births to Teens	4.2%	20.0%	6.9%	16.0%	5.9%	4.3%	8.3%
Number of Teen Births	1	5	2	4	2	1	3
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	41.7%	40.0%	24.1%	36.0%	26.5%	21.7%	19.4%
Infant Deaths	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Teen Violent Deaths	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Park County's Children

Wyoming PARENT
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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	25,534
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	6,834
% Population Under 18: 1995	27.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	10.7%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	15.0%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	7.3%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	343

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	4,886
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	20.8%
% Special Education Students	8.3%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	91
Drop Out Rate	1.16 - 5.37

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	329	308	297	293	270	281	277
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	88.8%	80.2%	88.2%	84.3%	84.4%	86.1%	84.5%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	5.5%	8.1%	7.7%	8.2%	7.0%	2.8%	8.7%
% Births to Teens	15.5%	13.0%	12.1%	10.2%	14.1%	11.0%	10.8%
Number of Teen Births	51	40	36	30	38	31	30
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	19.8%	21.1%	14.8%	19.5%	22.2%	12.8%	18.4%
Infant Deaths	3	3	2	3	3	3	5

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	2	2	1	2	3	1	2
Teen Violent Deaths	-	4	2	5	2	2	3
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	1	1	-	1	1
Teen Suicides	-	2	1	2	1	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	3	2	2	3	4	4	4

Platte County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	8,343
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	2,250
% Population Under 18: 1995	27.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	20.7%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	17.8%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	12.5%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	126

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	1,744
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	23.6%
% Special Education Students	12.3%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	25
Drop Out Rate	.72 - 3.31

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	93	95	91	84	93	84	86
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	81.7%	81.1%	83.5%	75.0%	74.2%	64.3%	73.3%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	7.5%	3.2%	4.4%	3.6%	14.0%	6.0%	7.0%
% Births to Teens	12.9%	11.6%	8.8%	9.5%	6.5%	13.1%	12.8%
Number of Teen Births	12	11	8	8	6	11	11
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	20.4%	20.0%	16.5%	16.7%	23.7%	16.7%	15.1%
Infant Deaths	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	-	-	2	2	-	3	-
Teen Violent Deaths	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	-	4	2	-	-
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	3	-	-	-	-	-	1

Sheridan County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	25,088
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	6,154
% Population Under 18: 1995	25.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	11.1%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	14.4%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	7.4%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	423

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	4,492
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	28.3%
% Special Education Students	13.8%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	105
Drop Out Rate	1.77 -6.06

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	285	249	323	281	276	259	276
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	83.5%	81.9%	85.8%	84.3%	89.5%	95.0%	88.0%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	5.3%	4.8%	5.3%	7.1%	6.5%	7.7%	5.4%
% Births to Teens	13.3%	15.7%	15.2%	13.9%	12.3%	14.3%	15.9%
Number of Teen Births	38	39	49	39	34	37	44
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	20.4%	23.3%	23.5%	28.5%	19.9%	21.6%	19.9%
Infant Deaths	3	1	5	1	4	1	1

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	3	1	3	1	1	-	4
Teen Violent Deaths	2	-	3	6	4	3	1
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	1	-	2	3	1
Teen Suicides	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	-	1	1	5	8	4	10

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Sublette County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	5,507
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	1,464
% Population Under 18: 1995	27.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	8.1%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	8.7%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	6.3%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	45

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	1,296
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	23.1%
% Special Education Students	9.3%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	9
Drop Out Rate	.60 - 2.30

Birth Indicators

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	72	63	55	75	78	74	55
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	83.3%	84.1%	81.8%	86.7%	78.2%	79.7%	76.4%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	5.6%	7.9%	7.3%	12.0%	12.8%	9.5%	7.3%
% Births to Teens	6.9%	12.7%	9.1%	9.3%	12.8%	12.2%	5.5%
Number of Teen Births	5	8	5	7	10	9	3
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	18.1%	20.6%	236.4%	14.7%	25.6%	21.6%	20.0%
Infant Deaths	2	-	1	-	1	1	-

Child Well-Being

	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Teen Violent Deaths	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	-	-	-	1	-	3	3

Sweetwater County's Children

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Demographics

Total Population: 1995	40,976
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	12,772
% Population Under 18: 1995	31.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	8.7%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	9.2%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	7.1%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	566

Education: School Year 1995-96

Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	9,168
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	18.8%
% Special Education Students	12.9%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	263
Drop Out Rate	4.87 - 6.17

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	562	641	576	636	560	522	522
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	80.4%	72.5%	78.5%	79.6%	78.8%	79.1%	82.0%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	7.5%	5.3%	8.0%	7.9%	9.1%	8.2%	8.4%
% Births to Teens	15.8%	17.8%	15.6%	13.5%	17.3%	20.5%	16.3%
Number of Teen Births	89	114	90	86	97	107	85
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	30.4%	26.7%	26.7%	24.2%	29.8%	26.1%	25.1%
Infant Deaths	5	6	6	5	5	2	3

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	3	3	4	2	2	1	3
Teen Violent Deaths	1	1	9	1	5	4	4
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	1	1	5	-	3	3	1
Teen Suicides	-	-	2	-	1	1	2
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	1	2	4	6	2	7	12

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	13,444
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	3,485
% Population Under 18: 1995	26.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	10.5%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	6.3%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	6.3%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	34

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	2,283
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	5.5%
% Special Education Students	9.3%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	27
Drop Out Rate	2.83

Birth Indicators	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**	**1994**	**1995**	**1996**
Number of Births	211	194	187	162	192	173	164
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	89.1%	90.2%	84.5%	91.4%	92.2%	91.9%	83.5%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	3.8%	4.1%	8.0%	6.8%	8.3%	4.0%	6.7%
% Births to Teens	5.2%	4.1%	4.3%	5.6%	3.1%	5.2%	8.5%
Number of Teen Births	11	8	8	9	6	9	14
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	12.8%	13.9%	13.4%	6.8%	9.9%	11.0%	7.3%
Infant Deaths	1	-	-	3	2	-	2

Child Well-Being	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**	**1994**	**1995**	**1996**
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	1	1	1	-	1	1	-
Teen Violent Deaths	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Teen Suicides	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	2	4	3	2	5	-	1

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	20,087
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	7,297
% Population Under 18: 1995	36.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	10.6%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	11.0%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	6.9%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	371

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	5,758
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	29.2%
% Special Education Students	11.9%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	114
Drop Out Rate	1.64 - 5.29

Birth Indicators	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Number of Births	361	342	338	310	312	331	338
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	82.5%	82.2%	79.0%	83.2%	84.0%	85.2%	83.7%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	13.6%	8.5%	9.5%	10.6%	9.9%	9.4%	10.9%
% Births to Teens	15.5%	13.7%	16.3%	17.4%	18.6%	15.4%	15.7%
Number of Teen Births	56	47	55	54	58	51	53
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	22.7%	24.0%	23.7%	22.3%	21.2%	21.8%	25.4%
Infant Deaths	2	4	5	2	1	1	3

Child Well-Being	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	3	-	4	2	-	3	5
Teen Violent Deaths	3	3	2	4	3	4	3
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	2	3	1	2	-	2	3
Teen Suicides	1	-	-	-	2	2	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	6	-	-	1	4	4	7

Washakie County's Children

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	8,657
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	2,408
% Population Under 18: 1995	28.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	10.9%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	13.7%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	9.0%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	123

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	1,934
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	27.8%
% Special Education Students	14.6%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	33
Drop Out Rate	1.44 - 3.66

Birth Indicators	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**	**1994**	**1995**	**1996**
Number of Births	78	74	73	55	74	57	83
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	84.1%	75.6%	75.5%	82.3%	82.4%	87.5%	86.6%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	9.7%	7.6%	5.1%	8.0%	8.8%	6.3%	8.2%
% Births to Teens	17.7%	11.5%	17.3%	14.2%	12.1%	15.6%	14.4%
Number of Teen Births	20	15	17	16	11	15	14
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	19.5%	16.8%	14.3%	14.2%	14.3%	14.6%	19.6%
Infant Deaths	-	-	1	-	1	2	2

Child Well-Being	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**	**1994**	**1995**	**1996**
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Teen Violent Deaths	-	-	1	2	2	-	3
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	1	-	2	-	2
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	-	-	-	-	1	2	7

Weston County's Children

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Demographics	
Total Population: 1995	6,506
Number of Children Under 18: 1995	1,824
% Population Under 18: 1995	28.0%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1990	11.7%
Children 18 Below Poverty: 1993	11.0%
Families Below Poverty: 1990	8.0%
Number of Children Receiving AFDC, June 1996	70

Education: School Year 1995-96	
Enrolled Students Enrolled K-12	1,431
% Children Eligible for Free or Reduced Lunch	23.8%
% Special Education Students	12.7%
Drop Outs Grades 7-12	17
Drop Out Rate	0 - 2.99

Birth Indicators	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**	**1994**	**1995**	**1996**
Number of Births	78	74	73	55	74	57	83
% Receiving Early Prenatal Care	85.9%	79.7%	74.0%	81.8%	90.5%	78.9%	92.8%
% Low Birth-Weight Babies	9.0%	5.4%	1.4%	9.1%	8.1%	8.8%	9.6%
% Births to Teens	23.1%	9.5%	19.2%	25.5%	14.9%	14.0%	20.5%
Number of Teen Births	18	7	14	14	11	8	17
% Births by Mothers Who Smoked During Pregnancy	29.5%	31.1%	24.7%	30.9%	23.0%	28.1%	21.7%
Infant Deaths	1	-	-	-	-	1	-

Child Well-Being	**1990**	**1991**	**1992**	**1993**	**1994**	**1995**	**1996**
Child Deaths (Ages 1-14)	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
Teen Violent Deaths	-	-	2	1	-	-	3
Teen Motor Vehicle Deaths	-	-	2	-	-	-	1
Teen Suicides	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Juvenile Arrests for Violent Crime	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

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